

THE ADDITIONAL RITUALS OF THE ROSY CROSS.

THE FOURTH ORDER OF THE ROSY CROSS.

WORLD OF THE SUPERNALS.

PART II.

THE CEREMONY OF ENTHRONING A KEEPER OF THE SACRED MYSTERY.

The Temple is prepared for the Mysteries of the Portal of DAATH, with the variations which here follow. The Banners of the Paths leading to all Grades are congregated at their proper symbolical points. The several Altar Banners are grouped in correspondence with the SEPHIROTH to which the Paths lead up, as arranged in the Tree of Life, and so also are the Banners of the Holy Sanctuary in the Grade of Adeptus Minor. The Door of the Sanctuary is open to its full extent, and the Altar of the Portal of DAATH has the Sacred Vessels and the lighted Candles thereon. The Pillars are at a short distance in front of the Sanctuary, with the Banners of the

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Rosy Cross corresponding hereunto. The vestments and insignia of a High Priest lie folded on a cushion of red silk, and this is placed on a table, where there is also a salver containing red, white and blush roses. The table is at a convenient point in proximity to the Door of Holy Sanctuary—as, e.g., on the Southern side of the Pillar of Mercy. There is full light everywhere.

The Imperator Elect is kneeling at the Western side of the Altar, with arms clasped thereon and with bowed head. There is a palm-branch laid across his hands. The Brethren of the Third Portal Grade are seated, clothed and in silence, in the body-general of the Temple. The seat of the Officiating Epopt is in front of the Brethren, all facing East.

The Officiating Epopt gives a Battery of one knock——using the Wand which he carries.

It is that of an Usher of the Rite in all Grades of the Fellowship, and is therefore surmounted with a Dove of Peace. He raises his Wand and proceeds to

THE SOLEMN CEREMONY OF OPENING THE HOLY TEMPLE.

The Officiating Epopt.—Fratres et Sorores, the Peace of the Eternal be upon you in the Heart of Eternal Peace. And peace, be still, my Brethren. SILENCE IS IN THE MOUTH OF THE ALMIGHTY ONE. The Word is known in the heart, when the heart is Love.

He pauses and lowers his Wand. Thereafter, again he raises it.

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The Officiating Epopt.—I testify from the seat of experience that GOD is all in all.

He passes and lowers his Wand. He lifts up his face and Wand. All rise.

The Officiating Epopt.—Assist me to open, O Lord, this Consecrated Temple and House of the Holy Spirit in the Grade which is above all Grades, in the perfect Mystery of Union.

And then with bowed Head.

The Officiating Epopt.—By the power which is grace of that Mystery, I open the Portal of DAATH, as a door in the House of Thy knowledge. Behold, Thou art with me all days, to the consummation of our being at the Centre.

He bends his right knee, and so also the Brethren.

The Officiating Epopt.—GOD opens His Temple, my Brethren—the place of His union.

He passes Eastward and stands between the Pillars, facing West.

The Officiating Epopt.—Fratres et Sorores, assist me to open this Temple for the High Office of Enthronement. He giveth unto His people a leader. The Lord shall keep His treasure and the Tabernacle of His Holy Mystery. He shall raise up a shepherd in the land and set up a ruler over us, in the name of His Covenant. Thou shalt guide us therefore, our Master, and our choice shall be made in Thee.

He gives a Battery of one knock—¶—

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The Officiating Epopt.—Fratres et Sorores, I declare this Temple open for the work which is put into our hands, and a Keeper of our Sacred Mystery shall be enthroned herein.

THE HIGH OFFICE OF ENTHRONEMENT.

The unofficial Brethren are seated. The Officiating Epopt proceeds to state the circumstances of that especial event which has called the Adepts together. When the Throne of the Headship is vacant owing to the death of an Imperator, he continues as here follows :—

The Officiating Epopt.—Honourable Fratres et Sorores, seeing that we come forth from the Centre and that the Centre calls us back, I testify that it has pleased our Most High Father and GOD, on Whom we depend in all things, and unto Whom in all things we defer, to set free in holiness, from the sacred veils and bonds of his earthly body, the soul of our Most Honoured Frater Electus ex millibus (*vel nomen aliud*), KEEPER OF OUR SACRED MYSTERY AND IMPERATOR IN ORDINE ROSEÆ ET AUREÆ CRUCIS.

When the Throne of the Headship is vacant owing to unavoidable resignation or other circumstances recognised and provided for in the Higher Constitution of the Fellowship, the Officiating Epopt proceeds thus :—

The Officiating Epopt.—Honourable Fratres et Sorores, I certify that our Most Honoured Frater Electus ex millibus (*vel nomen aliud*), KEEPER OF OUR SACRED MYSTERY AND IMPERATOR IN ORDINE ROSEÆ ET AUREÆ CRUCIS, has placed his resignation in the hands of the

Council of Epopts in the Holy House of Resurrection (state here such circumstances as appertain to the case and occasion), and the same has been by them accepted in sorrow and fraternity, all ties and bonds of fellowship subsisting as heretofore between him and us.

He proceeds thereafter as follows, in either case.

The Officiating Epopt.—I testify that the Headship has become and is hereby declared vacant. I bear witness also that during the intervening period the Council of the Order has assumed the reins of government, in accordance with the Laws of the Order, and that there has been no break or intermission in the Holy Rule of the Rite. Moreover, in the exercise of powers theretunto committed, and with the concurrence of him who preceded (*vel affirmatio alia*), I declare that the Honourable Frater Quoniam Tu solus sanctus (*vel nomen aliud*) has been elected and appointed duly as a lawful successor, subject to his plenary profession, his acceptance of the terms of Obligation which shall be administered hereinafter and his enthronement in solemn form.

There is here the pause of a moment.

The Officiating Epopt.—May GOD be therefore with us. May His Divine Presence be declared in this Holy Temple, to ratify and confirm our acts. May the Light of His Unity be reflected upon the unity of our Order and abide as grace in its Headship, that these may be one in their purpose, one in working and one in aspiration toward the term. So shall this Fellowship of the Rosy Cross hold its warrants from many spheres, many worlds of initiation, worlds of sacred mystery, worlds of attainment.

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The Officiating Epopt resumes his proper seat. While still standing hereat and now facing East :

The Officiating Epopt.—I call upon the Honourable Frater Quoniam tu solus sanctus (*vel nomen aliud*), successor elect to the vacant throne of the Headship, to testify in this House of Ascension concerning the peace of its Sanctuary and all the Holy Houses of the Rosy Cross.

The Imperator Elect rises from his knees, comes forward and stands between the Pillars in his white robe and girdle, but wearing no insignia, save only the palm-branch, which he carries in his right hand.
The Officiating Epopt is seated.

The Officiating Epopt (with the other Brethren in unity).—O quantum magnale pacis.

A pause follows, during which the Imperator Elect remains in his place between the Pillars.

The Officiating Epopt.—Ave, Frater Quoniam Tu solus sanctus (*vel nomen aliud*). The Council of the Rosy Cross, convened in their Holy House of Resurrection, according to the Laws of the Order, has already issued its decree, and your concurrence has been signified therein. But in the presence of the Brethren who are here and now assembled as representatives of the whole Fellowship, I demand whether you are free, able and willing to take into your heart and discharge the sacred duties of the Headship, and to enter into those solemn bonds of service which are imposed on an Imperator of the Rite.

The Imperator Elect.—In the Name of GOD, Who is my end : so help me GOD.

*The Officiating Epopt gives a Battery of one knock
—[—] and all rise.*

The Officiating Epopt.—Let the Light of the Divine leading be called down upon the counsels of our prudence.

THE PRAYER BEFORE ENTHRONEMENT.

The Officiating Epopt.—Giver of understanding and of grace in the days of life ; Giver of the union which is realised in the peace of stillness ; Giver of the Knowledge in experience which is wisdom attained in Thee : bestow on us understanding in choice, grace in the fruition thereof, wisdom to know Thy will and strength to do it with our might. We have chosen this man and our brother, amidst prayers for Thy guidance, to rule over the Holy Houses which are dedicated to Thy service. Ratify the choice which we have made. Grant that he may increase in us and that we may be enlarged in him by all graces which come from Thee. Bless him in all his ways and bless us richly in the gifts and zeal of him. May we work together in unity, reflecting here below the Eternal Unity of Thy being. Grant in fine that—proceeding with him and in him—we may enter into Thy deeper Knowledge, and that our wings of desire may bear forward our beloved Brethren, through all the Paths and Grades, seeking the Crown of the Kingdom, to abide in Thy love for ever. Amen.

The Imperator Elect has prayed Eastward, with bowed head and hands crossed over the palm-branch. He turns Westward. The Officiating Epopt and Brethren resume their seats. There is silence for a space, and thereafter :

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THE SEARCHING OF THE IMPERATOR ELECT

The Officiating Epopt.—Do you promise to preserve in your heart and translate into your life and actions the Divine Symbolism of this House of Ascension in GOD?

The Imperator Elect.—In the Name of GOD, Who is my end: so help me GOD.

The Officiating Epopt.—Do you promise, ever and continually, in all your works and ways, to seek and—GOD aiding—to attain a deeper Knowledge of the union through Christ in GOD?

The Imperator Elect.—In the Name of GOD, Who is my end: so help me GOD.

The Officiating Epopt.—Do you promise in the consecration of the Mystical Bread and Wine—which it will be your part henceforth to perform in the Sanctuary of this House of Ascension—that you will proceed invariably in conscious and willing concurrence with the highest intention of the Mystery, and that to the fullest extent of your power you will place upon the clean oblation the signature of your realisation in GOD?

The Imperator Elect.—In the Name of GOD, Who is my end: so help me GOD.

The Officiating Epopt.—Do you promise to be about the business of this Holy House and the other Houses and Temples, leaving unto the perishable word and the custodians thereof those things which pass with the world, in so far as human weakness may consent hereto?

The Imperator Elect.—In the Name of GOD, Who is my end : so help me GOD.

The Officiating Epopt.—Do you promise to instruct the Sons and Daughters of our Fellowship, by word and example, with all your heart and will, so far as in you lies, in the high inward truths and mystic ends of the Order ?

The Imperator Elect.—In the Name of GOD, Who is my end : so help me GOD.

The Officiating Epopt.—Do you promise to maintain the meekness which consents to dignity and all high patience becoming to a spiritual ruler ?

The Imperator Elect.—In the Name of GOD, Who is my end : so help me GOD.

The Officiating Epopt.—Do you promise to preserve in faith and transmit intact to your successor the Mystery of the Rosy Cross according to our exalted construction, and that you will neither alter nor vary the symbols of that Mystery, nor the essential words thereof ?

The Imperator Elect.—In the Name of GOD, Who is my end : so help me GOD.

The Officiating Epopt.—All these things, and all other good things, may the Lord grant unto thee, and preserve and strengthen thee in every goodness.

The Officiating Epopt gives a Battery of one knock—¶— and all rise.

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The Officiating Epopt.—Honourable Frater and Successor Elect to the Headship, I call upon you now to repeat your Sacramental Name and to say after me

THE OBLIGATION OF AN IMPERATOR ELECT.

I, Frater Quoniam Tu solus sanctus (*vel nomen aliud*), being an Adeptus Exaltatus, testifying in the House of Ascension to the Glory of the Rosy Cross and the ineffable life of experience behind the veils of symbolism, do hereby and herein, in the freedom of the will in union and with purpose realised in GOD, swear fidelity to my higher soul and to the Spirit which is Christ therein. I will walk in the way of the Spirit and will abide in fellowship with the Hidden Master of the Rosy Cross, acting as His vicegerent and spokesman in all the

rites of this Holy and Sovereign Order, which is here committed to my hands. In assuming the Throne of the Headship I will hold myself henceforward as servant-in-chief of my Brethren, who are servants and handmaidens of GOD. In the place of authority I will work only for the spiritual profit and perfection of those who are placed in my charge, in my own and in their person maintaining the Rule of the Order, for the extension and diffusion of that knowledge which is found within, for the love of our Hidden Master and the Divine, All-Holy Ends. May the Spirit and the Bride bear witness and GOD Who is all in all.

Whosoever as acted as Minister in Service of the Temple for the preparation of all therein, having retired behind the Sanctuary or elsewhere, has kindled and blessed Incense and now comes forward, bearing the Thurible, which he places in the hands of the Officiating Epopt, receiving and putting aside his Wand.

The Officiating Epopt draws toward the New Imperator and offers incense before him.

The Officiating Epopt (at the first censing).—May that which in thee is below be assumed by that which is above. (At the second censing.) There are three that rule in thy Temple: the will, desire, and mind—let these three be one for the good of our Fellowship. (At the third censing.) May the Word be thine and power to manifest the light thereof. (At the fourth censing.) Within and without thee, in all thy thoughts and acts, do thou remember the union. (At the fifth censing.) The Lord search Thee with the Fire of His Holy Spirit in the heart and in the reins.

The Officiating Epopt falls back slowly, still facing East, and standing before his own seat, he raises the Thurible.

The Officiating Epopt.—Honourable Frater Quoniam Tu solus sanctus (vel nomen aliud), the Lord give unto thee according to thy works.

The Minister in Service receives the Thurible. The new Imperator and Officiating Epopt approach one another, pausing in the middle way. The Imperator lays the Palm Branch in the hands of the Officiating Epopt and says:—

Imperator Novus.—The Lord give you peace in my days.

He falls back slowly between the Pillars, still facing West. The Officiating Epopt comes forward, and having laid the Palm Branch aside he clothes the New Imperator in the vestments of his Office.

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The Officiating Epopt (in putting the white cope about h .—The Spirit within thee is Christ, the Spouse of the Soul. I clothe thee as with the vesture of the Spirit, which is the Soul restored in purity. Be thine the righteousness of saints. (In placing the mitre on his head.) Be thy mind an open channel to receive the Divine Influx. ... fastening on his bosom the red, white and intincted Roses.) May Severity and Mercy dwell together in unity, meeting in the Benignity of thy rule, and may the Tree of Knowledge become the Tree of Life in the Fellowship of the Rosy Cross. (Then placing the Wand in his hand.) Rule, therefore, O Master, and be this the Sign of Thy Power, for this is the Tree of Life.

He draws the New Imperator a short distance in front of the Pillars, between which the Minister in Service now places the Throne.

The Officiating Epopt.—We who have elected and appointed, by the power vested in our Office, do now instal and enthrone thee.

The New Imperator is placed on the Throne. The Officiating Epopt turns West, and, having received his Wand, gives a Battery of one knock— 

*The Officiating Epopt.—Fratres et Sorores, my peers and co-heirs in the House of Ascension which is in GOD, I proclaim that Frater Quoniam Tu solus sanctus (*vel nomen aliud*), having been regularly elected and appointed, rigorously searched and sifted, faithfully professed and 1ged, and in fine invested and enthroned, has become hereby and herein MOST HONOURED IMPERATOR OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE ROSY CROSS AND KEEPER OF ITS SACRED MYSTERY. Now, therefore, as your vicegerent*

and spokesman, I pledge to him, in all high faith and truth, our reasonable and loving obedience over all that concerns the Order.

He returns to his seat, and still standing thereat, he recites or chants the TRIPLE BENEDICTION, followed by all the Brethren.

The Officiating Epopt.—(1) That Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless this present elected Chief, Master of all, we pray Thee ; (2) That Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless and to sanctify this present elected Chief, Master of all, we pray Thee ; (3) That Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless, sanctify and approve this present elected Chief, duly pledged to be enthroned, Master of all, we pray Thee.

The Imperator rises with uplifted Wand.

The Imperator.—May the Fellowship of the Rosy Cross testify henceforth and for ever, amidst the things which are below, to the eternal things which are above, that the powers of the height may prevail also in the depth and that GOD may rule His people.

And then, after a short pause :

The Imperator.—Honourable Fratres et Sorores, the purpose of the present Convocation having been accomplished in GOD, for the furtherance of His Divine Ends, I close here and now this Holy Office of Enthronement.

The Throne is set aside. The Imperator enters the Sanctuary as High Priest and celebrates THE MASS OF UNION. When the Closing has been taken, the Officiating Epopt rises in his place and says :—

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The Officiating Epopt.—Let us descend by the Path of CHETH, even unto TIPHERETH.

A procession is formed and the Brethren pass into the Vestibule, with the Officiating Epopt and Minister of Service carrying the Banners of the Rosy Cross before the Imperator, who goes forth last of all.

Here ends the Ceremony of Enthroning a Keeper of the Sacred Mystery in the House of Ascension.

THE PROCLAMATION OF A KEEPER OF THE
SACRED MYSTERY IN THE GRADE OF
TIPHERETH.

The arrangement of House and Sanctuary follows the unwritten precedents. The Brethren of all Grades in the World of Creation are seated, clothed and in silence. The Door of the Temple opens and the Celebrant-in-Chief enters, followed by the Adeptus Major and Auxiliary Frater Adeptus, walking in single file. Behind them come two Ministers, walking together, bearing the Banners of the Rosy Cross, and thereafter the Usher of the Rite, with the Banner of the Path of CHETH. The New Imperator follows last of all, and the Door is closed behind them. They proceed to the East, the Celebrants assuming their invariable stations, and the Imperator passing to his Throne on the Southern side. The Banner of the Path of CHETH is placed behind the Throne and the Banners of the Rosy Cross, respectively East and West beside it. All present have risen to receive the procession and all again are seated, after the Imperator takes his place on the Throne.

The Temple is opened in the Grade of Adeptus Minor, and in the case of the former Imperator having been called from the life of earth, the Commemoration of his Passing takes place in solemn form.

The Celebrant-in-Chief gives a Battery of one knock—

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Adeptus Exemptus.—Honourable Fratres et Sorores, seeing that we come forth from the Centre and that the Centre draws us back, I testify that it has pleased our Most High Father and GOD, on Whom we depend in all things, and unto Whom in all things we defer, to set free in holiness, from the sacred veils and bonds of his earthly body, the soul of our Most Honoured Frater Electus ex millibus (*vel nomen aliud*), KEEPER OF OUR SACRED MYSTERY AND IMPERATOR IN ORDINE ROSEÆ ET AUREÆ CRUCIS.

He turns to the East, with all present.

Adeptus Exemptus.—We who are Stewards of Thy Mysteries, O Master of all things ; we who are Wardens of the Gates which lead in fine to Thee ; we who have borne Thy charges in common with our Most Honoured Frater Electus ex millibus (*vel nomen aliud*), thus called from among us, do here and now at Thy bidding relinquish the fellowship which we had in him, with resignation and holy joy. Into Thy loving care we commend his soul, O Lord of all tender compassion, Spirit and Spouse of Souls. Amen.

The Imperator.—Ratify, we beseech Thee, in the life of the world to come, all that he knew of Thy union in the life of earth.

Adeptus Exemptus.—May the shadowed lights of our symbolism dissolve for him in the glorious realities of being whereof they are the veil and the presage.

The Imperator.—May this be the day of his espousals.

Adeptus Exemptus.—May he rise into the life which is in Thee, and this is the life of Thy love, the union of the Lover and Beloved, world without end.

The Imperator.—World without end art Thou, and
this is the life of Thy love, O Love which art Life for
ever.

Adeptus Exemptus.—When the Spirit and the Soul
are one, O Heart of the Heart of Man.

The Imperator.—May that which is Thine in Thee to That Which is Thee and Thine, to the Father of All, ascend.

Auctus Exemplus.—The Oneness of all Oneness.

The Imperator.—The life of all in all.

Adeptus Exemptus.—When he who was our Brother has attained all things in Thee, O GOD, grant that we may be drawn after Him.

The Imperator.—Give us peace in our earthly day, as the shadow of that day which is eternal.

Adeptus Exemptus.—A quiet night after and a perfect end.

All are seated and there is silence for a certain space.*

The Celebrant-in-Chief rises.

- When the Throne of the Headship has become vacant owing to unavoidable resignation, or other circumstances recognised and provided for in the Higher Constitution of the Fellowship, the Celebrant-in-Chief, after Opening in the 5=6 Grade, proceeds at once as follows:—

The procedure continues as shewn in the text above after the Office of Commemoration.

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Adeptus Exemptus.—Honourable Fratres et Sorores, I testify that Frater Quoniam Tu...is sanctus (*vel nomen aliud*) has been regularly elected and appointed, duly installed and enthroned, and I proclaim him hereby and herein MOST HONOURED IMPERATOR OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE ROSY CROSS AND KEEPER OF ITS SACRED MYSTERY.

He resumes his seat. The Imperator rises in his turn and recites his Profession in the terms appointed for that purpose according to the Ritual of Enthronement. Thereafter he resumes his seat, and the Celebrant-in-Chief rises.

Adeptus Exemptus.—In the Name of the House of Resurrection, on my own part and on the part of the Adepti Exempti, as their vicegerent and spokesman, I pledge to the Most Honourd Imperator our reasonable and loving obedience in all that concerns the Order.

Thereafter he resumes his seat, and the Second Celebrant rises.

Adeptus Major.—In the Name of the Halls of Silence, on my own part and on the part of the Adepti Majores, as their vicegerent and spokesman, I pledge to the Most Honourd Imperator our reasonable and loving obedience in all that concerns the Order.

Thereafter he resumes his seat, and the Third Celebrant rises.

Auxiliary Frater Adeptus.—By the Crucified life of TIPHERETH, on my own part and on the part of the Adepti Minores, as their vicegerent and spokesman, I pledge to the Most Honourd Imperator our reasonable and loving obedience in all that concerns the Order.

Thereafter he resumes his seat. The Imperator rises and advancing to a middle place in the Temple, he uplifts his Wand.

The Imperator,— Honourable Fratres et Sorores, the Lord give you peace in my days.

He resumes his seat. The Temple is closed in the Grade of Adeptus Minor. Thereafter the Celebrant-in-Chief says:—

Adeptus Exemptus.—Let us descend by the Path of AYIN, even unto YESOD.

A procession is formed as in the Opening Ceremony, and the Brethren leave the Temple.

Here ends the Proclamation of a Keeper of the Sacred Mystery in the Grade of TIPHERETH.

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THE PROCLAMATION OF A KEEPER OF THE
SACRED MYSTERY IN THE GRADE OF
THEORETICUS AND IN THE FIRST
PORTAL GRADE OF THE ROSY CROSS.

The Temple should be opened in these Grades on the Day of Enthronement, and in whatever place the Convocations of the Lower Orders are held. The Ceremonial Summons to assume the habit, vestments and insignia of the Fellowship is given by the Master of the Temple, who recites also the Prayer between the Thrones, prior to Opening in the Grade of Theoreticus. It is thereafter only that the new Imperator enters His Temple, preceded by Standard Bearers, carrying the Banners of the Rosy Cross, and by the Thurifexans et Aquarius scattering Blessed Incense and Holy Water. He proceeds to his Throne in the East.

The Temple being opened in the Grade of Theoreticus, the Master of the Temple announces the resignation or decease of the former Imperator in the terms of the Grade of TIPHERETH, but there is no further commemoration in the latter case.

The Master of the Temple proclaims the new Imperator, who recites his Profession, in the appointed terms.

The pledge of obedience is pronounced by the Master of the Temple on behalf of the Grade of Philosophus, by the Warden of the Temple on behalf of the Grade of Practicus, and by the Guide of the Paths on behalf of the Grade of Theoreticus, using the following formula:—

In the Name of our consecrated personality, looking toward the Life of Rebirth and the mystery of the will in union (or of love in transmutation, or the light of the mind in GOD), on my own part and on the part of the Philosophical Brethren (or Practical, or Theoretical) I pledge to the Most Honour'd Imperator our reasonable and loving service in all that concerns the Order. [The Prayer of Peace is recited by the Imperator, and the Temple is closed in the Grade of Theoreticus. The Master of the Temple then says:—Let us descend by the Path of TAU, even unto MALKUTH.

The Temple is opened at once in the Grade of Neophyte, and the same procedure follows, but the new Imperator is proclaimed by the Auxiliary Frater Zelator, standing in his proper place with his ministers.

The Imperator communicates the Mystical Elements to Brethren of all Grades, remaining throughout the observance at the Eastern side of the Altar, facing West. The Brethren come round successively, bearing the Lamp, and he receives it from each in turn, till his place is taken by the Auxiliary Frater Zelator.

The Closing is taken in the Grade of Neophyte. The Imperator is conducted from the Temple, the Auxiliary Frater Zelator leading the way with Lamp and

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Wand, his Officers following, scattering Blessed Incense and Holy Water. The Guide of the Paths follows, proceeding alone, then the Master and Warden, side by side, the Standard Bearers, carrying the Banners of the Rosy Cross, and the Imperator last of all.

*Here ends the Solemn Ceremony of Proclaiming a
Keeper of the Sacred Mystery in the Grades
below the Portal of the Third Order.*